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BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF
LIEN HO PAO REPORT OF SHIH K'O-MIN'S INTERVIEW WITH A
"SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE" MENTIONED
REFTEL;

"A SENIOR DIPLOMAT OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DISCLOSED THAT SO FAR THERE IS NO DEFINITE AGENDA
FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH PEKING LEADERS
DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING THIS AUTUMN, NOR DOES
THE PRESIDENT EXPECT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON ANY
SPECIAL MATTER. THIS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
SAID IN HIS INTERVIEWS WITH THIS LHP REPORTER THAT
IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE US AND THE ROC WILL
MAINTAIN THEIR FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS
BECAUSE THERE IS NO SPECIAL ISSUE IN THEIR RELATIONS
FOR THE TIME BEING."

"AS TO THE REPORT BY THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
MAGAZINE THAT A WHITE HOUSE SOURCE POINTED OUT
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PRESIDENT FORD ORIGINALLY WAS SCHEDULED TO

DISCUSS ABROGATION OF THE SINO-AMERICAN MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY DURING HIS PEKING VISIT BUT IT WAS
CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES IN SE ASIA, THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID THIS WAS UNRELIABLE
AND GROUNDLESS SPECULATION."

"THIS SENIOR DIPLOMAT DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY
OF ESTABLISHMENT OF US-PRC DIPLOMATIC TIES. HE SAID
THIS SEEMED TO BE A GOAL SET IN THE SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE. HE ALSO SAID EVEN IF THAT HAPPENS, THE
US WILL STILL REGARD THE ROC AS A FRIEND AND CONTINUE
TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH THE
ROC. HE THOUGHT THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE POLITICAL
STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE ROC."
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